

## **California Clean Coast Act of 2005 FAQ**

SB 771, the “California Clean Coast Act of 2005” will become effective on January 1, 2006. Two classes of vessels – “oceangoing ships” and large passenger vessels (cruise ships) - are now subject to new requirements when operating within State waters. This new legislation will affect vessel operations in three areas:

- (1) New Discharge Prohibitions;
- (2) New Requirements for Reporting Discharges of Prohibited Waste Streams; and
- (3) The Submittal of a One-Time Survey Form to the California State Lands Commission.

### **What are “oceangoing ships” in SB 771?**

An “oceangoing ship” is a private, commercial, government, or military vessel of 300 gross registered tons or more calling on California ports or places.

### **What are “large passenger vessels” in SB 771?**

These are cruise ships.

### **What wastes are prohibited from being discharged from oceangoing ships?**

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“Other Waste” (dry-cleaning, photographic film-developing and medical)  
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**Effective January 1, 2006, will the discharge of sewage and sewage sludge from oceangoing ships and large passenger vessels be prohibited?**

No, not currently: The State Water Board (as provided in SB 771) will apply to U.S.EPA for permission under the federal Clean Water Act to impose this discharge prohibition.

**Where do the discharge prohibitions apply?**

The discharge prohibitions apply within State marine waters (e.g., within 3 nautical miles of shore, including offshore California islands).

**Will these prohibitions be extended to the waters of California's four national marine sanctuaries?**

The State Water Board will request the Administrator of NOAA to extend these prohibitions To California's four national marine sanctuaries (Cordell Bank, Gulf of the Farallones, Monterey Bay, and Channel Islands).

**What information is required in reporting discharges?**

A suggested discharge report form is available. For a list of reporting requirements see [SB 771 Section 72421](#).

**Where are discharge reports submitted?**

Please send these to Kim Ward, Division of Water Quality, via e-mail, phone, or fax:

[kward@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:kward@waterboards.ca.gov)

Direct Line: +1 916 341 5586

Fax Number: +1 916 341 5584 (Please Note: reports should be submitted "Attention Kim Ward/ Division of Water Quality")

**What is the one-time survey conducted by the California State Lands Commission (CSLC)?**

SB 771 requires the CSLC to collect information on vessels visiting California ports of call regarding their vessel-specific wastewater management capabilities, port of call information, and crew requirements. The CSLC survey form (which is filled-out only once per vessel during 2006) should be submitted to the CSLC upon each vessel's departure from its first port call in California during this calendar year. For more information on this survey and a copy of the CSLC form, please refer to the CSLC website.

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